

SENATE BILL 2953
By Jordan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-416, relative to the transportation and possession of alcoholic beverages or beer.

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-416, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) No driver may transport, carry, possess, or have any alcoholic beverage or beer within the passenger area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state in any container other than the manufacturer's unopened original container except as provided in subsection (c).

(b) No passenger may carry, possess, or have any alcoholic beverage or beer within the passenger area of any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state in any container other than the manufacturer's unopened original container, except as provided in subsection (c).

(c)

(1) This section shall not apply to passengers in a limousine, taxi, conveyance for hire on a chartered bus, or in any vehicle driven by a chauffeur as defined in TCA Section 55-50-102. Provided, however, the driver of any such vehicle is prohibited from consuming or having any alcoholic beverage or beer in or about the driver's area.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of up to five hundred dollars (\$500).

(e) The transportation of empty containers for the purpose of recycling or disposal does not constitute a violation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.

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